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REPORT

OF

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF FALMOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

The municipal officers hereby submit their annual report, and wish to explain why the balance against the town is more the present year than last. By a mistake of the treasurer the outstanding orders to the amount of about nine hundred dollars were not added in last year.

Financial.

MONEY RAISED MARCH 6TH, 1871.

For Schools,	\$2,000.00
“ Debts and interest,	2,000.00
“ Town officers,	500.00
“ Roads,	1000.00
“ Poor,	500.00
“ Contingencies,	500.00
“ Bridges,	1,000.00
“ Overlay,	237.52
“ Amount of State Tax,	3,447.06
“ County Tax,	1,205.09
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Total,	\$12,389.67
Total valuation,	644,038.00
Number of polls,	373
Percentage on the dollar,	1 ct. 7½ mills.
Poll tax,	\$3.00

Receipts.

By Cash	Received State bonds,	\$2,022.50
	Interest on the same,	162.00
	F. F. Hall, for plank,	1.44
	B. F. Hall, for hay, collected,	390.00
	John K. Watts, for hay,	292 00
	State school fund for 1869,	46.52
	Scott & Newman, highway tax 1869,	1.66
	Glendy Moody, tax bills 1869,	1,264.00
	A. O. Fields, tax bills 1870,	5,622.00
	A. O. Fields, tax bills 1871,	1,339.97
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		\$11,061.89

Expenditures.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1871.

Paid B. F. Hall, selectman.....	84.00
Joseph Newman, selectman and treasurer,.....	85.00
Columbus Knight, selectman,.....	55.33
D. F. Small, clerk,.....	7.71
E. H. Ramsdell, supt. school committee,.....	60.00
D. O. Moulton, " " ".....	35.25
R. A. Hinds, " " ".....	15.00
A. O. Field, constable,.....	20.50
Albert Winslow, auditor,.....	2.00
C. W. Winslow, auditor and moderator,.....	4.00
Peter Gammon, for salary as overseer, 1870,.....	228.00
" " " " " 1871,.....	110.00
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	\$704.79

MONEY EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS 1870.

Alfred Merrill, for 1870,.....	19.48
Ezekiel Hodgdon, for 1870,.....	2.40
William Leighton, " "	5.37
Peter Stephens, " "	13.00
Curtis Colley, " "	24.80
Joseph Knight, " "	8.00
George W Knight, for 1870,.....	16.00
J. M. Prince, " "	3.40
Stephen Huston, Jr., " "	2.00
Elbridge Grant, " "	4.00
Asa Field, " "	2.40
Samuel M. Knight, " "	11.00
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	\$111.85

MONEY EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Expended in District No. 3, Asa Field, surveyor,.....	\$402.43
“ “ “ “ 7, Edmund Frye, “	56.88
“ “ “ “ 15, O. Hardy, “	151.71
“ “ “ “ 14, Daniel Knight, “	239.52
“ “ “ “ 18, Alfred Hicks, “	79.00
“ “ “ “ 20, Alfred Soule, “	51.32
“ “ “ “ 8, J. L. Whitehouse, surveyor,	45.28
“ “ “ “ 12, B. F. Hall, “	51.25
“ “ “ “ 5, T. B. Richards, “	31.61
“ “ “ “ 6, Curtis Colley, “	72.68
“ “ “ “ 24, J. C. Cobb, “	42.50
“ “ Repairing a washout in the road by the river, and on the railroad hill, near the Alms house,.....	268.00
Total,	<u>\$1,492.18</u>

PAID FOR BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Paid for bridge near the saw mill,	\$175.00
culvert near Piscataqua corner,	175.00
culvert over Chenery brook,	210.00
stringers,	46.43
culvert and other bridges,	314.53
Paid A. L. Mitchell for culvert, 1870,	17.00
Simon M. Swett for bridge, 1870,	7.16
Total,	<u>\$945.12</u>

Contingencies.

Paid E. H. Starbird, services as road committee,	\$27.00
E. C. Blanchard, care of Town house,	4.50
Hoit & Co., books and stationary,	7.34
B. F. Hall, expenses to Vassalboro,	8.00
Charles Cobb, office rent,	12.00
G. W. Snell, blacksmithing,	16.00
Brackett Woodsom, damage on highway,	5.00
E. N. Tukesbury, expended on highway by order of court,	100.00
E. H. Starbird, for surveying road,	4.00
John Noyes, incidental expenses,	12.10
F. G. Rich, for printing town report and voting lists,	38.00
For sealing town standards,	1.00
Nathaniel Bowe, bill,	784.56
Town of Gray, taxes 1870-71,	3.25
Gen. John L. Hodsdon, for equalization services,	97.10
D. W. Mitchell, witness services,	2.70

Paid Cost of indictment on Yarmouth road,	44.46
Insurance on town buildings,	22.50
Howard & Cleaves, counsels for 1869-70 and 71,	400.00
A. E. Stevens, for steel,	3.42
James H. Baker, for coal,80
G. L. Bailey, powder and fuse,	42.00
A. E. Stevens, portable forge,	35.29
Yeaton & Boyd, for rope,	18.90
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	\$1,690.52

Outstanding Notes February 16, 1871.

1 Note dated May 12, 1866,	\$300.00
1 " " August 9, 1866,	700.00
1 " " " 10, 1866,	200.00
2 " " " 10, 1866,	600.00
1 " " " 31, 1866,	1,000.00
1 " " January 10, 1867,	200.00
1 " " February 18, 1867,	600.00
1 " " November 18, 1867,	100.00
1 " " December 30, 1867,	200.00
1 " " January 3, 1868,	100.00
1 " " " 20, 1868,	1,100.00
1 " " February 4, 1868, ..	300.00
1 " " " 4, 1868,	200.00
1 " " " 9, 1868,	1,000.00
1 " " " 17, 1868,	417.00
1 " " March 27, 1868,	700.00
1 " " June 1, 1868,	200.00
1 " " September 15, 1868,	500.00
1 " " December 7, 1868,	1,000.00
1 " " February 8, 1869,	200.00
1 " " March 23, 1869,	350.00
1 " " January 3, 1870,	1,100.00
1 " " February 16, 1872,	1,500.00
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	\$12,567.00
Outstanding order,	2,920.00
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	\$15,487.00

Liabilities.

Notes,	\$12,567.00
Orders,	2,920.00
Due for schools,	569.71
Peter Gammon, overseer,	240.00
B. F. Hall, selectman,	86.00

Due Albert Winslow, selectman,	79.00
John Woodbury, "	72.68
John Noyes, clerk and treasurer,	
D. O. Moulton, supervisor,	51.75
A. O. Field, constable,	16.50
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	\$16,602.64

Availabilities.

Due from Glendy Moody, collector and interest 1869,	\$48.14
A. O. Field, collector 1870,	1,664.14
" " " 1871,	5,918.26
Joseph Newman, treasurer, non-resident tax F. O.	
J. Smith, 1869,	185.18
Town of Poland,	6.59
J. W. Jones,	18.90
Cash in treasury,	553.00
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	\$8,394.21

Balance against the town, 8,208.43

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

Greatest number in the Alms house,	6
Present number,	6
Females,	3
Males,	3

INVENTORY OF STOCK AND PRODUCE ON FARM.

Two oxen; three cows; one heifer; two swine; fifty bushels of potatoes; three pecks of beans; one bushel of peas; two barrels of pork; thirty pounds of beef; twenty-five pounds of lard.

Alms House in Account with the Town.

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To Peter Gammon's salary as overseer,	\$350.00
Clothing furnished for the Alms house,	18.27
Small & Newman, for supplies,	167.06
A. L. Mitchell, for supplies,	79.38
Peter Gammon, furnished groceries,	295.44
E. N. Tukesbury, medical attendance,	4.00
Kendall & Whitney, grass seed,	7.50
Hired labor on farm,	80.00
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	\$1,001.65

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By produce sold from farm,.....	\$327.03
Labor off from farm,.....	247.40
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	\$574.43
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Balance against the Alms house,.....	\$427.22
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PAID FOR POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE 1871.

Paid to town of Windham for the Allen boy.....	\$168.00
Portland for Leonard Allen,.....	24.42
“ for supplies and medicine Robert Jones,.....	3.95
George Mountfort, Jr., clothing,.....	13.50
Fulton & Ricker, supplies 1870,.....	20.60
A. L. Mitchell, supplies 1871,.....	19.25
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	\$249.73

Wood furnished Robert Jones, 18 feet; Mrs. Merrill, 36 feet; Mrs. Alpha Knight, 11 feet; Mrs. Sophia Smith, 15 feet.

Recapitulation.

Total amount of receipts.....	\$11,061.89
Total amount of expenditures for town officers,.....	\$704.79
Highways 1870, . . .	111 85
“ 1871,.....	1,492.18
Bridges and culverts, .	945.12
Contingencies,.....	1,690.52
Interest paid,.....	1,050.00
Debts “	2,030.00
Poor out of Alms house, .	240.73
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	\$8,274.19

Sums Recommended to be Raised.

For Schools,.....	\$2,000.00
Debts,	2,000.00
Interests,	1,000.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Town officers,.....	500.00
Poor,	500.00
Contingencies,	500.00
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	\$8,000.00

B. F. HALL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ALBERT WINSLOW,	
JOHN WOODBURY.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Falmouth.</i>

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I am happy to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of our schools the past year. To be sure they have not attained that excellence to which we aim; but have made satisfactory improvement. No difficulties have occurred; everything has seemed to pass pleasantly. The average attendance has been in most of the schools large. In District No. 4, fifteen scholars between the ages of seven and fifteen have been absent all of both terms, and those who did attend were very tardy. Unless these evils are corrected, time and money will be thrown away. By consulting the Table you will see the rank of the several schools in attendance.

The teachers have done very well in the way of instruction and discipline. Still the usefulness of some has been impaired by a want of enthusiasm and tact in teaching. Some have not kept their register as required by law. Let me name a few causes why our schools are not as flourishing as we would wish to have them:

1. Bad school houses. We build good barns for our cattle, and can we not afford to have decent school houses where our children are to spend several months of each year? Much can be done at little expense to make our school rooms pleasant and attractive.

2. Want of school apparatus. Every school room should be furnished with one good black-board, wall maps of some sort, a globe, thermometer, and a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. Some of our schools have a *part*, none *all* of these helps.

3. Change of Teachers. "The frequent change in teachers is a most alarming evil with us. It breaks up all connection between one term and another. Each teacher has his own ways, and it takes some time to get out of the old ways and into the new, and quite a portion of each term is spent in getting started. It often happens that a term is one-third spent before the work is well begun. An ordinary teacher who has taught a school one term with fair success can do more for that school than one of superior endowments and acquirements who is an entire stranger to the wants of the school." Hence, employ the old teachers when we can.

4. Short Schools. Our schools are too short, and I know of no way to lengthen them unless we are willing to appropriate more money. If we must economize, let us do it without injury to our children.

5. Small Schools. Teachers understand how difficult it is to secure that interest in a small school that is easily secured in a large school. It seems to me that District No. 4 might be united with Nos. 3, 5, and 7, and great advantages result from it. I would urge the inhabitants of this District to give this matter an earnest thought: I hardly see how any other of the small districts can be discontinued.

Finally, I think there is nothing our schools need more than the supervision of parents. They should visit their schools often and *see* and *know* what their children are doing and learning. This would also prevent most of the difficulties in our schools. Teachers would be stimulated to greater efforts, and scholars inspired with greater zeal in their studies and recitations. In conclusion let me say in the language of another, "as you prize your own happiness and the happiness of your children—as you love your country and your inheritance, the institutions transmitted from your fathers, and would have them perpetuated to your children, cherish carefully our system of public schools, to which we are more indebted than to anything else, except its foster mother the Gospel. It is the secret of our general intelligence and pre-eminence, the glory of our country, the bulwark of our liberties, and the guaranty of our future prosperity. We can not value it too highly, we cannot sustain it too faithfully."

D. O. MOULTON, Supervisor,

Falmouth, Me., Feb. 19th, 1872.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS OF FALMOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1872.

No. of District.	Name of Teacher Summer Term.	Name of Teacher Winter Term.	Whole number of scholars.	Attendance, Sum.	Av. attendance.	Attendance, Win.	Av. attendance.	No. of pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	Instances of Tar- diness.	No. of Daily Rec- itations.	Taught how many Schools before.	Length of School in Days.	Wages of Teacher pr month includ'g Board.
1	Mrs. H. H. Anderson.	W. A. Anderson.	66	32	28	49	41	6	24	23	6	40	\$30.00
2	Miss Mary P. Philips.	Wm. Purvis.	55	32	22	35	25	11	121	29	0	52	44.00
3	D. O. Moulton.	D. O. Moulton.	111	79	71	79	67	5	34	22	0	50	22.00
4	Not commenced.	D. O. Moulton.	23					4	*	30	6	55	49.00
5	Miss Anna P. True.	N. D. A. Clark.	73	40	34			30	73	28	52	40	50.00
6	No Summer Term.	F. B. Blanchard.	31			34	24	9	116	30	53	60	65.00
7	Miss E. A. Mountfort.	C. W. Morrill.	72	50	44	27	22	2	484	27	0	60	32.00
8	Miss H. M. Lawrence.	Miss Ella Hadlock.	30	22	19	62	58	2	199	23	1	50	44.00
9	Miss Ella Hadlock.	Miss Lucy W. Files.	46	19	17	25	20	1	16	26	3	50	40.00
10	Miss Ella Hadlock.	Edwin Hall.	43	29	26	28	24	12	36	23	4	50	28.00
11	No Summer Term.	Miss S. S. Cummings.	32			25	19	2	56	24	0	66	45.00
12	Miss Ellen Leighton.	Miss S. E. McDonald.	32	22	19	24	17	4	18	29	0	33	23.00
						30	27	1	5		4	55	25.33
								6	7	26	2	35	28.00
								5	29	23	8	43	32.00
								0	23	3	3	35	26.00
								2	123	23	0	41	44.00
								1	16	17	2	85	28.00
								7	10	23	1	34	23.80
								9	00	22	8	70	24.00

*No Report.